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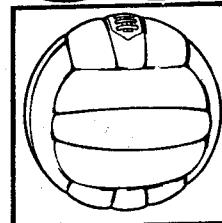
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GOVERNMENT ACTS

Minister calls for full facts

By George Yelland

Immigration Minister Mr. Phillip Lynch has talked to Mr. John Gorton, chairman of the V.S.F. Board of Management, on the subject of soccer publicity in Victoria.

Mr. Gorton later issued this statement to Soccer News:

"Following the Soccer News lead article on the discrimination against soccer by publicity media in Victoria, the Minister for Immigration telephoned me.

"I told Mr. Lynch that I had tried a number of times to contact him, without success.

"I realised that he was a very busy man and thanked him for speaking to me. We discussed the problem of publicity for soccer and the Minister promised all assistance possible.

"He wants a written submission, setting out the work of the Federation, its history and background. This will be done.

"As chairman, I wish to record my appreciation of the Minister's attitude and would like the soccer public to know that, in the present Minister for Immigration, we appear to have a very fair minded and capable member of government."

This is great news for soccer and we look forward to much needed help from this quarter.

The ABC, Channel 9 and Channel 7 are giving time to soccer and we look forward to more help for the LOCAL game from these quarters. Newsday and the Herald have increased their soccer content. This, too, is appreciated.

The Sporting Globe has always given publicity to the game. Regrettably the Sun and Age are still sparing in their allocation of space for local soccer followers.

3XY is giving State League and some Metropolitan League results in their Saturday evening sports report and other radio stations are giving soccer results and any newsy pars IF AND WHEN they are forthcoming.

This brings up soccer's Achilles heel. Clubs, particularly State League, are the games own worst enemies. They howl about the need for publicity and do little or nothing to help.

They often seem to obstruct.

Last Sunday, Melbourne had not even bothered to inform publicity media or even the V.S.F. of the result of their game by 7 p.m.

Surely someone in the club should realise that the V.S.F. secretary is waiting for results of games so that he can do the club's job of spreading the news to TV, Radio and Press.

Poor deal for press

It is an almost impossible task to get progress scores of other games at each State League match. No one takes, or appears to be given, the responsibility of spreading the news around. Results should be flashed to the secretary and other grounds, on the final whistle.

Press reporters attend grounds and find, at some of them, primitive conditions and no phone.

At others, phones out of order and no alternatives arrangements made of help offered. Getting team lists is like a Sherlock Holmes operation and reporters are looked on as a necessary evil and rather a nuisance.

It is no good screaming for publicity, unless clubs and all connected with soccer get the message that they have a heavy responsibility.



George Cross's forward John Pryde bursts between two Polonia defenders but seems to have lost sight of the ball.

BOUQUETS

- TO CHANNEL 7, for including film of Saturday's Hellas v. Wilhelmina game in Sunday's "World of Sport".
- TO CHANNEL 9, for publishing half-time and full-time State League scores in Jack Little's sports program and for putting the English Cup Final on at peak viewing time on Tuesday.
- TO THE A.B.C. for their direct broadcast of that wonderful English Cup Final on Saturday night and their speedy follow up with TV coverage on Monday.
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JUVENTUS OUT ON THEIR OWN

By ALISTAIR COOK

With maximum points from their three games Juventus head the State League ladder, one ahead of both Wilhelmina and South Melbourne Hellas — both unbeaten after sharing the points last Saturday.

In pursuit are Croatia, who redeemed themselves, after their shock defeat by Alexander, with a crushing win over J.U.S.T. and Polonus — both on four points.

The improving Melbourne, with Alexander, have a point a game average — Alexander's achieved without the aid of any newcomers.

Down in the basement the picture is grim, especially for last year's champions, Footscray J.U.S.T., who have one solitary point against their name.

In the same department also with one point, are George Cross, Hakoah and Lions, with Hakoah having an abandoned game against Slavia, pointless at the bottom, still to be played off.

One can almost confidently look forward to seeing many player changes in the future line-ups of this quintet.

Footscray J.U.S.T.

v. Alexander

With no lack of ability in their side J.U.S.T. must look for improvement in other facets of their play if they hope to pull themselves out of the dumps. Alexander, fit, determined and powerful in breakaways, need those attributes to make up for their lack of class.

Nothing short of a return to their best form will ensure a win for J.U.S.T.

Polonia v. Melbourne

Melbourne have an old score to settle here, for it was Polonia who edged them out of a place in the night soccer competition with a win late in the season at Maribyrnong.

Polonia have got off to a good start, but could be halted here by a Melbourne side which looks vastly improved on their mediocre showings of last season.

P.M. Slavia v. Lions

Slavia's displays and their record so far suggests they have more than a few problems.

The likely return of Mike O'Hara to goal could stiffen the defence but the same old story exists in their attack — lack of a sharp-shooter.

Lions are no great shakes either and their centre half position looks no nearer to being solved.

It could be a grim battle for points with the more aggressive Lions favored.

R.C. Wilhelmina

v. Croatia

Playing remarkably well with a side in which all are pulling their weight, Wilhelmina's fitness is another factor which is bringing them success.

Croatia, stiffened by the return of Billy McArthur, will have their work cut out at Ringwood, where they have not been too successful in the past.

If they can grab one point they will do well.

Juventus v.

George Cross

Not really pushed so far in their three games — three wins spell Juventus should consolidate their

position at the top by accounting for George Cross.

The Cross, with problems in defence, have a bigger problem in attack, where on paper they look good but have shown an inability to score.

Hakoah v. S.M. Hellas

Hakoah touched rock-bottom in their stunning defeat by Melbourne, and they have all-round problems which won't be solved by the switching around of their team.

South Melbourne Hellas, although undefeated, are not playing particularly well in attack, but with a much better side, should win this one.



Dario Epifano, speedy George Cross winger in a dribbling duel with Zbigniew Knot, Polonia's right back.

NATIONAL COACH DECISION

On Monday night the V.S.F. Board of Management decided to recommend State coach Zvonimir Rasic for the post of coach to the Australian National team.

DEITTMAR KRAMER, P.I.F.A. travelling coach, was impressed with the skill, youth and tremendous potential of Rasic, and he should be very much in line for the job.

The Board wish to make it widely known that clubs may recommend coaches for the job, and any coach may apply.

Applications must be received at the A.S.F. office no later than April 24.

Polonia's goalkeeper Merik Litwin, rises high above Polonia and George Cross players to punch the ball clear during a Cross attack.



Surprises in Federation Cup

Federation Cup games played last Sunday produced some surprising results.

ST. ALBANS reversed Saturday's result when they beat DANDEMONG by the only goal of the game, scored from the penalty spot.

ALBION ROVERS and BRIGHTON live to fight another day. Both sides were scoreless after extra time.

Both teams appeared tired after Saturday's games, and Albion included four reserves players.

SPRINGVALE lost by the odd goal in three, in a repeat performance of

RESULTS

Ballarat 3, Prahran 7 (after extra time).

Bayswater 7, Croydon 4

B'meadows 0, F'tree G. 1

Albion Rov. 0, Brighton 0 (after extra time).

Altona 3, Coburg 2

Green Gully 4, Melb. U. 0

Eltham 3, Clayton 2

Dandenong 0, St. Alb. 1

Springvale 1, Yallourn 2

Heidelberg 0, Moor'bark 4

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STATE LEAGUE

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MELBOURNE

FIERY

FORM

Melbourne 5, Hakoah 0
Coach Zvonimir Basic
finally got the Melbourne
machine started on Sunday —
and it went like a bomb.

McGowan would generate attacks in defence, Ray Pocock would move down the wing to accept the ball from John Wallace or Istvan Keri and Billy Rogers would move into the goal area to head the Pocock cross.

This move produced the first two goals and was the pattern of Melbourne's play for the rest of the match.

Successful? The five classy goals speak for themselves.

Wallace was magnificent. Only a teenager, he is a model midfieldman.

His link was fast, sharp and accurate and near goal he never hesitated to shoot.

Under the guidance of Basic, Wallace could become one of our top players.

Steve Bleskany was also in fine form. Roving well on the left, he bamboozled defenders with his classy footwork and combined well with the other strikers to complete a deadly attack.

There is nothing nice to be said about Hakoah's performance except that Gordon Cameron tried very hard.

But his team-mates were simply not good enough to compete against a better-drilled Melbourne, which on Sunday, could have beaten any team in the League.

Goals came from Rogers in the 6th and 32nd minutes, Keri (57), Wallace (59) and Bleskany (63).

Scorers — Melbourne: Rogers 2, Keri, Wallace, Bleskany.

TEAMS
MELBOURNE: Carmichael, McDaid, Jones, Sebo, McGowan, Scott, Keri, Wallace, Pocock, Rogers (sub. Ballerini, 77th), Bleskany, McHale, Henderson, Douglas, O'Neill, Stenhouse, Baker, Panter, Gadsby, Fry, Roberton (injured, sub. Waaldyk, 25th), Dragosevic, Cameron.

Hellas 1, Ringwood City 1.

Proving the tipsters wrong yet again, the strong

but unfancied Ringwood side took a valuable point from South Melbourne on Saturday.

Mike Pye, after a barely average year in 1969, is developing into a strong mid-field force for Ringwood and with Pygall also winning more than his share of marginal balls, they made certain Edgley, Speckerman and Buncie got plenty of possession up front.

For Hellas, Kokkinos looked capable at times of winning the match by himself, particularly in the opening minutes when he brilliantly slipped his way past Pygall and accelerating, drew Van Egmond from the Ringwood goal, before wasting his chance.

Ringwood took the lead after 12 minutes from yet another punishing raid down the centre.

It took a defensive blunder to give Hellas the opening they needed.

Armstrong, ever alert and a constant menace, intercepted a poor back pass in the box and moving to his right, fired in a stinging shot which Van Egmond could only deflect to the feet of Gorrie who made no mistake.

A fiery, vigorous game played at tremendous pace between two sides who will have a big say in determining this year's champion.

A draw was elementary justice.

Scorers — Hellas: Gorrie (70 mins), Ringwood, Pygall (12 mins).

Scorers — Polonia: Molloy, Widera, Olinowski, George Cross, Gardiner.

TEAMS
HELLAS: Stevens, Kelly, Kyriakis, Bedford, Walker, Hart, Trickey, Ackley, Armstrong, Gorrie, Gardiner.

RINGWOOD CITY: Van Egmond, Bens, Adams, Ward, Pygall, Pye, Buncie, Speckerman, Edgley, O'Toole.

George Cross 1, Polonia 3.

George Cross introduced Jimmy Smart their recent signing from Lions, into attack in an effort to give more penetration.

He spent an unprofitable afternoon, never getting far away from experienced pivot Zurawski.

Early in the game, David Cross made several dangerous right wing thrusts, followed by accurate centres.

Only the agility of Lou Kastner in goal, kept the Polonia boys out.

Without being brilliant, Polonia are a solid and workmanlike team.

It was refreshing to see five attacking forwards and it paid off in the end.

A good goal by Gardner, Cross's brilliant attacker was soon nullified, when Molloy took advantage of defensive hesitancy.

Unnecessary hands gave Polonia the lead as Widera scored from the spot.

George Cross are lively in mid-field but woefully slow in front of goal.

George Cross have the potential but must learn to think and act in a flash. They contributed to their own undoing by bad passing, slow thinking and lack of scoring ideas.

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TEAMS
GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, Kelly, Kyriakis, Bedford, Walker, Hart, Trickey, Ackley, Armstrong, Gorrie, Gardiner.

POLONIA: Van Egmond, Bens, Adams, Ward, Pygall, Pye, Buncie, Speckerman, Edgley, O'Toole.

Lions 1, Alexander 1.

In a match that was above all else, drabness, Juventus' cross-continental defeat was a poor Slavia line up at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Most of the players just went through the motions and this type of display can only drive away our meagre support for the game.

George Kinnell was the exception. Once again he gave a professional display and frequently moved up forward, probably in desperation.

Brian Thomson never stopped trying until he had to retire with an injured chest, early in the second half.

Tony Zanatta stuck to him like a leech, and well he did. The only time Thomson evaded him, he scored.

Frost set up the second goal, leaving McColl nothing to do but tap the ball into the empty net.

Della Rocca, Irvine and Bobby Thomson were effective without being brilliant, but too many players just didn't seem interested.

Much of the play was predictably orthodox and uninteresting as a result.

Scorers — Juventus: McColl 2, Thomson, Slavia: Livingstone.

TEAMS
JUVENTUS: Reilly, Della Rocca, Kinnell, Irvine, R. Thomson, McColl, Frost, B. Thomson, Sandison, Di Marchi, Sandison replaced Di Marchi (injured) after 18 minutes. Juventus played with 10 men for the last 35 minutes.

P.M. SLAVIA: Kuhn, Jones, McBain, Reed, Zanatta, Sheldon, Livingstone, Harris, Paul Sheldon, Jones replaced Sheldon at half-time. Referee: Mr. G. Pedler.

Croatia 5, Footscray 2.

The Footscray side looked promising for the first 15 mins, when they had Croatia pushed back in defence but failed to capitalise.

Badly missing the steady influence of Billy Rice at centre half, part of JUST's downfall can be attributed to the fact that their left wing pair of Tom Stankovic and Branko Buljevic were almost blotted out of the game by Horst Rau and Frank Bot.

Croatia, however, were much more lively, looked much faster both on and off the ball, found the open space when the chances began and all-round were much the better side.

Scorers — Croatia: McIntyre 2, McCull 2, Hargreaves 2, J.U.S.T. 2, Micic, Zorja.

TEAMS
CROATIA: Kovacek, Bot, C.

Goalscorers
5 Bryan Thomson (J.).
4 McIntyre (C.).
2 Buncie, Edgley (W.), Zanatta, 1, Kuhn.

Voting
Votes for the third round:
SLAVIA: 3, Jones; 2,

HAKOAH: 3, Cameron; 2, Frost; 1, O'Neill.

The rise of the mighty Juventus provides fascinating reading. Here JOE MAJOR, in part two of the history of the club, shows how Juventus have gone from strength to strength in the last three years.

This resourceful side, noted for their emphasis on overseas players, now successfully combines the imports with some fine local juniors.



Mario Corti, former Italian B international, captain of Catania and star of Sampdoria, was only one of many champions to wear the Juventus colors.

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Juventus turn the corner

General
Corti
inspires
success

It was 1967 — the year of Mario Corti, who came to Juventus as a former Italian B international, captain of Catania and star of Sampdoria.

Corti masterminded Juventus' success. Playing in the link role, the Italian general laid on goal after goal for his forwards, who included Eric Norman, Terry Lockhurst, Jimmy Malloy, John Bell, David Closs, Dino DeMarchi and Dario Epifano.

With captain Scott marshalling the defence, goalkeeper Dieter Voigt conceding only 21 goals and Corti organising the forward work, Juventus came second to Melbourne in 1967.

Juventus had always been loaded with talent but Victorians had never seen anything like Jose Casio da Silva who landed with a bang in late 1968 and left again after three League matches and about 10 cup and friendly games.

Brazilian Da Silva was magnificent. A right winger, he had played for Sao Paulo and Corinthians.

Da Silva was 31, battle-scarred and minus both cartilages when he got to Melbourne, but he was still the best player Juventus had had.

Went home

He went back to Brazil to visit his mother and from there he wrote to Juventus, offering to return if Juventus paid his fare.

But the club couldn't afford it, so he went to Belgium where he had played after leaving Corinthians.

At the end of 1967, Juventus had lost Terry Lockhurst, George Scott, Freak Torquai, John Bell and John Milton.

Although the team,

bolstered by Australian international Tommy McColl from Juventus, Adelaide, still looked strong on paper, it did not achieve results and finished ninth in 1968 — the year Croatia won the premiership.

Then came a determined bid to regain power.

Thirteen players were imported, including George Kinnell and Jack Reilly, who have already written their names in Juventus' book of greats.

Kinnell, a sweeper, was transferred from Aberdeen, but had also played for Oldham Athletic, Stoke City and Middlesbrough and had been captain of Sunderland. His career transfer fees total \$200,000.

Goalkeeper Reilly was born in Scotland but he came to Juventus from Washington Whips, of the U.S.A.

Other imports of '69 were linkman Bernie Docherty from Trowbridge and Notts County, right-winger Ron Frost from Bangor City, stopper Sandy Irvine, from London, full-back Keith Lakey from Stockton, linkman John Pryde from Appollon, South Africa, forward Bobby Robertson from Keith City, linkman Gareth Salsbury from Bangor City, striker Bryan Thomson from Aberdeen and Elgin, goalkeeper Bill Murray from Glasgow Rangers and left-winger Alfie San-dison from Woodside.

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All had had senior games, but Robertson, Pryde and Murray have been transferred to other clubs.

The rebuilding program was a great success. Juventus finished second on the table, won the State League Cup and was runner up in the Dockey Cup.

Although Juventus may be accused of concentrating too heavily on imports, the program is only short-term, one.

Says club secretary Gilbert Martin: "Our long-range plan is to develop our juniors so that they will eventually take over the first team.

"We hope the juniors will learn from our imports and for this reason we are grateful that we have such classy European players."

Juniors

Juventus has always had junior teams but started concentrating on this section only two years ago.

Former juniors who have graduated to senior grade include Dino De Marchi, Pat Della Rocca, Frank Barbaza, Bruno Saico, Morris Bonfeni, Claude Fogale, Vito Spano (now in the Army), Reno Ballerini (now Melbourne), Dario Epifano (George Cross), Angelo Minella (North Altona), Luciano Favero (Wangaratta City), John Rosetto (East Carlton) and others who are in the Juventus reserves.



• BERNIE DOCHERTY

Because of Juventus' large turnover, you'll find players all over the State who were once on the books of the mighty Melbourne club.

Their record

1948—Foundation year.
1949—Won every game in Third Division; promoted to Second Division.
1950—Fifth in Second Division.
1951—Second in Second Division; promoted to First Division.
1952-56—First Division premier. Armstrong Cup winner 1952.
1955—Won World Cup as Italy; won Armstrong Cup.
1956—Seventh in First Division.
1958—Won premiership in newly-formed State League. Won State League Cup.
1959—Third in State League; won Ampol Cup.
1960—Eighth; won World Cup as Italy; won Dockey Cup.
1961—Ninth.
1962—Second.
1963—Seventh.
1964—Fourth.
1965—Third.
1966—Sixth, won Armstrong Cup.
1967—Second.
1968—Ninth.
1969—Second, won State League Cup.

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Meet the players

1967, elected vice-captain 1968 but played only 16 matches due to injury. Vice-captain again in 1969 when played 17 matches.

RON FROST, 23, Right-winger, from Bangor City, Wales, joined Juventus in 1968 and scored two goals.

JOCK GOODWIN, 27, Linkman or defender, played for Motherwell, Scotland, before joining Port Melbourne, Slavia in 1966 and then Juventus in 1968 and had 10 senior matches. Last season he played all 22 matches, scored two goals, was runner-up in the Australian Most Consistent award and gained selection to the State side.

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TONY MCCOLL, 25, Linkman, from Juventus, Adelaide 1968. Regular member of Australian and Victorian teams

and top scorer during Australia's World Cup games last year. Scored 10 goals for Juventus in 1968 and was set to transfer to Hakoah Sydney but the deal fell through.

JACK REILLY, 26, Goalkeeper, Scottish-born, played for Washington Whips, of the U.S.A. and came to Juventus last season. Selected for the State squad during his first game for Juventus. Now Juventus' No. 1. Signed with Carlton.

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Bonetti denies Leeds victory

Law put on list

Denis Law, Manchester United's Scottish international forward, has been placed on the transfer list.

Law, formerly of Huddersfield, Manchester City and Torino (Italy), is priced at £60,000 stg.

'Home' title starts in UK

By Mel Vasey

With the World Cup finals only a few weeks away, England will this Saturday start its defense of the home international championship — and, in the space of seven days, will meet Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Some people argue England should not take this competition too seriously in view of their World Cup commitments. Others say the tournament will provide the world champions with tough last-minute match play before they set out for Mexico City.

If England risk the bulk of their World Cup players in the home competition and come through unscathed, they will almost certainly enhance their prospects of retaining the World Cup.

On the other hand Sir Alf Ramsey may decide to field what will virtually be a second XI.

Such a team would still be capable of winning the home championship as England are much better equipped and prepared than the Welsh, Scots and Irish.

Championship fixtures are:

Saturday, April 18:
Ireland v. Scotland
Wales v. England
Wednesday, April 22:
England v. Ireland
Scotland v. Wales
Saturday, April 25:
Scotland v. England
Wales v. Ireland

Paul says 'no' to cup trip

Paul Madeley, the Leeds United full-back, has turned down selection in England's World Cup squad for Mexico.

Madeley, who was brought into the England squad after clubmate Paul Reaney broke his leg, says he is too tired after the strenuous season he has with Leeds, and he wants to be home with his wife who is expecting a baby.

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Taffy's Tips for the POOLS

Top dividends in the Treble Chance Pools for last Saturday will again reach near record pay-out.

For the first time this season they were on our local Soccer with the English and Scottish Cup finals and one Third Division match.

There were only SEVEN scoring Draws and one game in South Australia postponed so the top dividend will be paid on 23 points.

The fall of the draws on the lists will be of no avail to the perm. punters, hence the expected near record divvy.

Break-up of the Draws on the coupons was — F.A. Cup Final, one in Queensland, three in Victoria, one each in South and Western Australia.

Balance of the coupons was 21 Aways and 26 Home winners.

Here are the dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, April 4, when there were only SEVEN scoring draws and four scoreless ones:—

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Three Draws: 66s.

Eight Results: 44s.

Four Aways: 64s.

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Three Draws: 72s.

Nine Results: 56s.

Four Aways: 84s.

By the way don't give away Chelsea to win the F.A. Cup in their replay at Old Trafford on April 29. But what a shock the Scottish Cup final produced or was it? It was not the first time this season that Aberdeen had beaten Celtic. But I'm willing to bet there was a lot

of money went down with Celtic.

Next Saturday week the coupons are again half and half, I mean 28 British matches including the two Home Internationals, washup of the Third and Fourth Divisions, plus the two divisions of the balance of matches from Queensland, New South Wales, and the majority of the Victorian Saturday matches.

So for NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, APRIL 25, the following should win at Home to save your stake:

*Wales,
*Leyton Orient,
*Lincoln City,
*Port Vale,
King's Lynn,
Hastings,
*Auburn (N.S.W.),
Azzuri (Q.),
Wynnum (Q.),
*Sth. Melb. Hellas,
*Austria,
*Keilor,
*Prahran,
*Springvale,
*Albion Rovers,
Coburg,
*Ballarat.

FOUR AWAYS
England,
*Weymouth.

*Chelmsford City,
*Worcester City,
Ramsgate,
Wilhelmina.

THREE DRAWS
Newport County v.
Grimbsy Town,
Wisbech v. Bexley,
George Cross v.
Slavia Port Melb.

And now for the big money with those elusive eight draws I select the following:

TREBLE CHANCE
*Gillingham v.
Bournemouth,
*Newport County v.
Grimbsy Town,
Brentwood v. Nun-
eaton,
*Margate v. Barnet,
Canterbury v.
Trowbridge,
*Darford v. Tonbridge,
*Wisbech v. Bexley,
Hakoah v. Prague
(N.S.W.),
*Thistle v. Merton (Q.),
Budapest v. G.A.P.
(Q.),
*George Cross v. Slavia
Port Melb.,
Dandenong v. Box
Hill,
*Brighton v. Moreland,
Frankston v. Yallourn.
Indicates best selections.
Till next week, Good
Luck, Pools Punters.

TAFFY.

World Cup prospects

Russia:

Got There. — At the expense of Northern Ireland, who played importantly in their goalless draw in Belfast, the Russians' 2-0 victory in the return game in Moscow was enough to guarantee them a place in the finals as the only other nation in the group, the luckless Turks, lost every match they played.

Previous record.
P W D L F A Pts.
1958 4 1 1 2 4 5 3
1962 4 2 1 1 9 7 5
1966 5 4 0 1 9 4 8

Making their first bid for the Jules Rimet Trophy in Sweden in 1958, the Russians came up against England and Brazil. An exciting battle as Gothenburg against England resulted in a draw, but not even a convincing win over also rans Austria could compensate for the thrashing the Russians were about to receive from Brazil.

Four years later they made the long trip to Chile and finished top of Group 1, accounting for Yugoslavia and Uruguay — only to be eliminated in the quarter-finals by the host nation.

England, in 1966, saw them go a stage nearer when they forced a path through to the semi-finals, where they met West Germany at Goodison Park. Playing with nine fit men all through the second half, they fought back bravely against a one-goal deficit but in spite of Tilkowski's great last-minute goal, Beckenbauer had the Germans home and dry.

1970 Prospects — Group 1 — Mexico City.

It looks very good for the Russians, whose recent record is much the best of the group. Their opening game against the host nation will have a great bearing on just who wins through.

Coach Gavril Kachalin has been pursuing a new policy of balancing old and

trusted veterans like Afanin and Serebryakov with new talent like 20-year-old full-back Evgeny Lovchen and Victor Pavayev.

Forecast. — Russia must be rated favorites in their Group and have an excellent chance of winning through to the semi-finals, but it is hard to see them progressing further.

El Salvador:

Got There. — By beating Haiti in a final play-off in Kingston, Jamaica, at the end of a monumental series of games which included the USA and Canada.

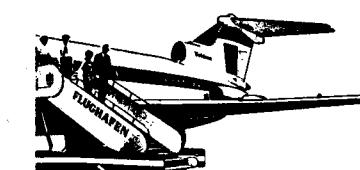
Forecast. — Could upset Belgium or even Mexico themselves, but will bow to the mighty Russians and be eliminated.

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	Firsts	Reserves
Box Hill v. Altona City	4-1	3-0
Dandenong City v. St. Albans	3-1	4-1
Elwood Austria v. Ringwood Utd.	4-1	4-0
Kelso City v. Richmond	2-3	6-1
Springvale v. Preston Makedonia	1-2	3-3
Prahran City v. Sunshine City	2-3	3-4

DIVISION 1

Box Hill v. Altona City	4-1	3-0
Dandenong City v. St. Albans	3-1	4-1
Elwood Austria v. Ringwood Utd.	4-1	4-0
Kelso City v. Richmond	2-3	6-1
Springvale v. Preston Makedonia	1-2	3-3
Prahran City v. Sunshine City	2-3	3-4

DIVISION 2

Oakleigh Athena v. Moreland Thistle	1-2	1-0
Coburg v. Waverley City	4-0	2-0
Brighton v. Sandringham	2-3	3-1
Green Gully Ajax v. Princes Park Hercules	3-1	0-0
Albion Rovers v. Frankston City	2-2	1-2
Maribyrnong Triestina v. Yallourn	3-3	2-2

DIVISION 3

Ballarat v. Chelsea	5-4	5-2
Heidelberg v. Ferntree Gully	2-1	1-0
Park Rangers v. Eastern Melbourne Helvetic	2-3	1-4
St. Kilda v. Croydon	3-1	1-1
Mooroobark v. Clayton	2-1	3-1
Western Suburbs ICI v. Bayswater	6-2	4-0

DIVISION 4

Corio v. Eltham	0-1	5-0
Newport v. Moorabbin	4-0	9-1
Broadmeadows City v. North Carlton Olympic	0-1	3-1
Rosebud v. Monash University	1-7	1-3
South Yarra v. Mornington	11-4	1-0
Univ. of Melbourne v. Doncaster Rovers	0-1	1-0

THIRDS COMPETITION — Sunday, 12th April

Frankston v. Moorabbin	2-0	•
Brighton v. Hakoah	1-2	•
Clayton v. Clayton O.B.	10-3	•
Mooroobark v. Dandenong	1-6	•
Univ. of Melbourne v. Doncaster	0-8	•
Croydon v. Waverley	1-5	•

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

ALTONA v. DANDENONG	— Finnegan
PRES. MAKEDONIA v. PRAHRAN	— Greenwood
RICHMOND v. SPRINGVALE	— Randall
RINGWOOD UTD. v. KELSO	— Stafrace
ST. ALBANS v. ELWOOD AUST.	— Contini
SUNSHINE v. BOX HILL	— Dixon

DIVISION 2

MORELAND v. COBURG	— Pedler
FRANKSTON v. MAR. TRIESTINA	— Venables
PRINCES P. HERCULES v. ALBION R.	— Yelland
SANDRINGHAM v. GREEN GULLY A.	— Hemmes
WAVERLEY v. BRIGHTON	— Blake
YALLOURN v. OAKLEIGH ATHENA	—

DIVISION 3

CHELSEA v. BAYSATER	— Turner
CLAYTON v. BALLARAT	— Walker
CROYDON v. MOOROOLBARK	— Koren
E. MELB. HELVET. v. ST. KILDA	— Lucas
FERNTREE G. v. PARK RANGERS	— Muench(M)
HEIDELBERG v. WESTERN SUB. ICI	— Momont

DIVISION 4

ELTHAM v. DONCASTER	— Brennan
MORNINGTON v. CARIO	— Mather
MONASH UNIV. v. STH. YARRA	— Tolnai
NTH. CARLTON OLYMPIC v. ROSEBUD	— Pavlovic
MOORABBIN v. BROADMEADOWS C.	— Sarto
NEWPORT v. UNIV. OF MELB.	— Staats

THIRDS COMPETITION, k.o., Sunday

MOORABBIN v. BRIGHTON	— Hemmes
DONCASTER v. CROYDON	— Koren
DANDEONG v. UNIV. OF MELBOURNE	— Muench(M)
CLAYTON O.B. v. MOOROOLBARK	— Turner
HAKOAH v. CLAYTON	— Walker
WAVERLEY v. FRANKSTON	— Kramp

LATROBE VALLEY LEAGUE

SENIORS	Churchill 5, Traralgon 0
Bairnsdale 0, Pegasus 7	Fortuna 0, Newborough 7
Newborough 6, Churchill 0	Moe 4, Celtic 0
Traralgon 9, Moe 0	
Rangers 4, Monash 3	
Warragul 0, Falcons 3	
Fortuna — Bye	
RESERVES	
Rangers 3, Monash 5	
Traralgon 3, Moe 1	
Bairnsdale 0, Pegasus 9	
Warragul 2, Falcons 3	
Newborough 9, Churchill 0	
RAAF 0, Fortuna 4	
UNDER 8's	
Monash 0, Rangers 0	
Celtic v. Moe — no result	
Yallourn 7, Newborough 0	
Traralgon 0, Churchill 4	
UNDER 10's	
Arayvale 0, Warragul 3	
Yallourn 3, Rangers 0	
Monash 3, Falcons 1	
UNDER 12's	
Bairnsdale 2, Pegasus 0	
Yallourn 7, Falcons 0	
Rangers 3, Maryvale 2	
Warragul 2, Moe 0	
Yall/Reds 2, Fortuna 0	
Traralgon 0, Newborough 6	
Monash — Bye	
UNDER 14's	
Bairnsdale 2, Pegasus 0	
Yallourn 1, Falcons 0	
Rangers 3, Maryvale 2	
Warragul 2, Moe 0	
Churchill v. Fortuna — no result	
Traralgon 0, Newborough 4	
Monash — Bye	
UNDER 16's	
Arayvale 1, Traralgon 1	
Pegasus v. Moe	
Rangers — Bye	

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

After 1st Round

Under 14 — North Div.

George Cross	1	—	2
Juventus	1	—	2
Rosanna	1	—	2
Brunswick	1	—	—

P W D For Ag. Pt

Under 14 — West Div.	P	W	D	For Ag. Pt
Altona	1	1	1	2
Ardeer	1	1	2	2
Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	—	—	—
Albion Rovers	1	—	—	—
Sunshine C.	1	—	3	5
Melton	1	—	2	11
North Sunshine U.	1	—	—	—

Under 14 — South Div. 1

Bayswater	1	1	3	0	2
Brighton	1	—	—	—	2
Croydon	1	—	—	—	2
R.C. Wilhelmina	1	—	—	—	2
Box Hill	1	—	—	—	—
Frankston C.	1	—	—	—	—

Under 14 — South Div. 2

Karingal	1	1	8	0	2
Waverley C.	1	—	5	0	2
S.M. Hellas	1	1	2	1	2
Seaford	1	—	—	—	2
Doncaster	1	—	1	2	—
Doveton	1	—	0	5	—
Mooroobark	1	—	0	8	—
Sandringham	1	—	—	—	—

Under 15 — State League Div.

Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	1	8	1	2
Lions	1	1	3	1	2
Croatia	1	—	—	—	2
Melbourne	1	—	—	—	2
R.C. Wilhelmina	1	—	1	3	—
Hakoah	1	—	1	8	—

Under 15 — West Div.

Elwood Austria	1	1	6	1	2
Corio	1	—	—	—	2
E.M. Helvetic	1	—	—	—	2
Kelso C.	1	—	—	—	2
St. Albans	1	—	—	—	—

Under 15 — South Div.

Doveton	1	1	7	0	2
Dandenong C.	1	1	3	1	2
Springvale	1	1	3	1	2
Sandringham	1	—	—	—	2
Chadstone	1	—	1	3	—
Frankston C.	1	—	1	3	—
Frankston Pines	1	—	0	7	—

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GOALS GALORE!

Over 100 goals were scored in an action-packed opening round of the District League season last Sunday.

Kingsville, Ardeer and Fitzroy all gave notice of their strength in the Premier Division, while Elsternwick (Western) and Burnley (Eastern) had colossal victories.

The shock of the round occurred at CHADSTONE, where visitors Ardeer took the EASTERN PREMIERS by the scruff of the neck and wiped the floor with them.

A magnificent Ardeer attack, led by brothers Richard and Eddie Klimczak, bewildered the Chadstone defence with rapid bursts of speed and pin-point crosses.

They then capped off fine individual performances with two goals apiece making the final score 4-0.

The win boosted Ar-

Eastern Division

Burnley marked their entry to District Soccer with a decisive 8-0 victory before a crowd of 150 against an Army Apprentices side, which was unlucky to strike Burnley in top form.

Earlier Burnley had been hard pressed to field a team as the selected side was hard hit by flu, and in fact many players who lined up had not fully recovered.

The guile and trickery of John Tato in mid-field gave Burnley vast superiority, which was capped with goals from Obidio Perez 3, Tony Jiminez 2, Tato, and Manuel Letran.

A "new look" CHELTENHAM were somewhat unlucky in going down 2-5 to newcomers TOORAK. With only Hastock and Vic Jones from last year's team on the ground, Cheltenham's inexperience and a suspect defence led to their downfall, but on the other hand 3 or 4 good prospects were discovered, with Roger Tonks, the best of these, starring as a link-man.

Toorak took their chances well with good team work, whereas Cheltenham

relied heavily on centre-forward Hastock, who did well to score twice against great odds.

New faces

BALCOMBE RANGERS run two teams in this division, and found themselves in the unusual position of having to face each other. The "A" team ran out 12-0 winners over the "B" team, with Heywood scoring 5 in an impressive display at centre forward.

Rangers are actually the Balcombe Army School of Signals and their line-up changes each year with a fresh intake. This season coach Barry Hurn, who is an instructor at the school, is the only old face in the team.

In a local derby, DOVENTON were held to a 2-2 draw by SOUTH DANDEONG. Although the Doves were in attack most of the day, the forwards failed to cash in on their chances and it was finally left to captain-coach John Brennan to get both goals. Brennan later had to leave the field with a painful shin injury.

Devon's defence needs bolstering, they were frequently frustrated by South's fast breakaways, but later improved as the game progressed. For the

Action packed opener

when Melton put the ball in the wrong net for an own goal. Jimmy Ward was a tower of strength at centre-half for the Pines, and seems to be enjoying the switch from inside forward.

At Fawkner Park, HAWKS BURN surprised LANGWARRIN to win 3-1. The turning point of the game occurred just before half-time when Hawksburn converted a penalty which knocked the fight out of the visitors. From then on Hawksburn had Langwarrin's defence working overtime as they finished strongly.

A hat-trick from Poro and a further goal from Cole saw the smart KINGSVILLE combination overcome an improved YARRAVILLE 4-2. Kingsville were pleased with the form of outside-left Ilo who arrived in the country only a month ago from Yugoslavia and turned in splendid game.

match. Pines were without inside-left Tony Lynch, unable to take his place in the team due to a knee injury, while goalkeeper Peter Blasby and inside-left Tommy Tennant were both dropped for non-attendance at training.

Frankston had an ace in the pack in young centre forward GARY WATSON, who marked his league debut with two well taken goals, the third coming

Doves, Martin Jones went close when his shot was deflected off the cross-bar, but the man of the match was 18-year-old left-half Derek Roy, who distributed the ball beautifully and looks to have a big future ahead of him.

Western Division

Outstanding contenders for the flag, Elsternwick United got away to a dazzling start by banging in 10 goals without reply against Parkville Cedars who were completely overawed by the occasion.

The difference between the teams is indicated by the fact that Elsternwick goalkeeper Zvonko Grgoric was not once called upon to make a save throughout the game.

Up front, Ivan Adric, Gya Kostromin, Vero Madenovic, Boris Grgas, and Fime Ivanov comprised the Elsternwick forward line, and they were all on target twice in a runaway win which puts United on top of the league on goal average.

ASCOT UNITED's 3-1

District League

by Rick Lavale

win against CENTRAL ALTONA will give them a further hunger for success. Tony Infelice was the danger man in the United side, scoring a rousing goal and playing a hand in those added by team mates Loco Spigno, and Sammy Cipolletta.

On the map

WILLIAMSTOWN put themselves on the map with an inspiring 4-0 win over NORTH SUNSHINE UNITED and could end up as the best new club in this division. A hat-trick from Andy Dovicin, and a further goal from Joe Kadlec sealed United's fate.

Referee Principe gave a good interpretation to the rules, and was always in control of the game with fair and correct decision.

Club officials at WERRIBEE were pleased with their team's performance



ARDEER, 1969 — standing, from left: Henry Wrobel (team manager), Jerry Skrabala, Stan Sady, Bob Rasic, Ted Kuzara, Ted Ducki, Ziggie Moscicki, Stan Wolczek (vice-president). Front: Andrea Galli, Eddy Ostapczuk, Frank Bodzony, Richard Bodzony, Joe Tocynski, Wally Ostapczuk.

Central Division

Diamond Creek were in attack for three-quarters of the game, but they went down 1-2 to Reservoir.

Creks finally goaled through the agency of Joe

Hovart, who made amends for earlier missing an open goal from only three yards out.

The Diamond Valley club are showing improved form each week, but still need more punch up forward. They could have the answer in Mike Price, a 24-year-old English winger just arrived from New Zealand.

There were five recruits in the Creek's line up, with inside forward Mick Davis being the most eye-catching. Dave Davison also gave the club one of his best games at right back.

Flying start

EAST CARLTON got off to a flying start by crushing EAST BRUNSWICK 5-1. A tactical move by Carlton paid handsome dividends when they moved vice-captain Peter Bilic up from right back to centre forward in the second half.

Bilic made all the difference where it counted — in front of goal, banging in two fine goals and becoming the best player on the ground. Another fantastic performance was that of Johnny Baldassarra, who grabbed an impressive hat-trick.

East Carlton are confident of continuing their good form in the future and are currently riding on the crest of a wave having done everything asked of them.

Ardeer joins elite

After only one season in senior competitive soccer, Ardeer has joined the elite of the District League.

Although the club has been running juniors since about 1957, it did not field a senior team until last year.

Because of the good form it showed in finishing second to Kingsville in the Western Division, Ardeer has now been included in the new Premier Division, along with the other top teams of the league.

And, says club official Cecil Sady, "We'll stay at the top and we'll keep within range of the Metropolitan League."

Ardeer is a subsidiary of the Polish Charity Association of Ardeer, which runs dances, Polish language classes for children and does charity work for Polish migrant families.

The PCA provides the finances required to run the soccer club and elects officials to take charge.

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ARDEER v. Fawkner
Langwarrin v. KINGSVILLE
MELTON v. Hawksburn
North Altona v. FRANKSTON PINES
Pascoe Vale v. FITZROY
YARRAVILLE v. Chadstone

Eastern Division

Army Apprentices 'A' v. Cheltenham, draw
WINDSOR v. Army Apprentices 'B'
South Dandenong Bye
Balcombe 'A' v. DOVENTON
TOORAK v. Balcombe 'B'
Mitcham v. BURNLEY

Central Division

Carlton v. DIAMOND CREEK
Regent v. Keon Park, draw
EAST CARLTON v. Kew
Reservoir v. EAST BRUNSWICK
MIDDLE PARK v. Brunswick United
Royal Park Bye

Western Division

Central Altona v. ELSTERNWICK
Swan Hill v. WERRIBEE, draw
WILLIAMSTOWN v. Laverton 'A'
West Melbourne v. NORTH SUNSHINE
Parkville Cedars v. GARDEN CITY
Laverton 'B' v. ASCOT UNITED